

**IC 25-23.5**

**ARTICLE 23.5. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

**IC 25-23.5-1**

Chapter 1. Definitions

**IC 25-23.5-1-1**

**Application of definitions**

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-23.5-1-2**

**"Board"**

Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the medical licensing board of Indiana.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-23.5-1-3**

**"Committee"**

Sec. 3. "Committee" refers to the occupational therapy committee established under IC 25-23.5-2-1.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-23.5-1-4**

**"Occupational therapist"**

Sec. 4. "Occupational therapist" means a person who practices occupational therapy.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-23.5-1-5**

**"Occupational therapy"**

Sec. 5. "Occupational therapy" means the functional assessment of learning and performance skills and the analysis, selection, and adaptation of exercises or equipment for a person whose abilities to perform the requirements of daily living are threatened or impaired by physical injury or disease, mental illness, a developmental deficit, the aging process, or a learning disability. The term consists primarily of the following functions:

(1) Planning and directing exercises and programs to improve sensory-integration and motor functioning at a level of performance neurologically appropriate for a person's stage of development.

(2) Analyzing, selecting, and adapting functional exercises to achieve and maintain a person's optimal functioning in daily living tasks and to prevent further disability.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-23.5-1-5.5**

**"Occupational therapy aid"**

Sec. 5.5. (a) "Occupational therapy aide" means a person who:

- (1) assists in the delivery of occupational therapy according to a treatment plan established by an occupational therapist; and
- (2) works under the direct supervision of an:
  - (A) occupational therapist; or
  - (B) occupational therapy assistant.
- (b) The term does not include a person who does any of the following:
  - (1) Performs assessments or reassessments.
  - (2) Establishes treatment plans.
  - (3) Initiates treatment modifications.

*As added by P.L.177-1997, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 25-23.5-1-6**

##### **"Occupational therapy assistant"**

Sec. 6. "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who provides occupational therapy services under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 25-23.5-1-7**

##### **"Person"**

Sec. 7. "Person" means an individual.

*As added by P.L.238-1989, SEC.1.*